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SUBJECT: BILL C-58: PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION TIME,
READER'S DIGEST AND BORDER TV STATIONS TAX MEASURE

POUCHED ALL CONSULATES IN CANADA

REF: (A) OTTAWA 1742: (B) OTTAWA 1870

1. HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE LOOKING TOWARD SECOND READING
RESUMED FOR NINETY MINUTES AFTERNOON OF MAY 16, BUT
SECOND READING NOT GIVEN AND BILL NOT REFERRED TO STANDING
COMMITTEE. IT IS NOT CLEAR AT MOMENT WHEN BILL WILL BE
TAKEN UP AGAIN IN HOUSE; ODD MOMENTS COULD BE ALLOTTED
TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY, BUT IF A LONGER BLOCK OF TIME
IS PERCEIVED NECESSARY, THURSDAY OR FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK
ARE CONSIDERED MORE LIKELY.

2. MAY 16 DEBATE WAS OCCASION FOR CERTAIN HESITATIONS
BEING EXPRESSED ABOUT BILL BY BOTH OPPOSITION MEMBERS AND
ONE LIBERAL BACKBENCHER. CONSIDERATIONS OF FREEDOM OF
THE PRESS AND CENSORSHIP APPEARED UPPERMOST IN THEIR
THINKING. VIEWS OF LIBERAL BACKBENCHER (RALPH STEWART
OF COCHRANE, ONTARIO, RELATIVELY JUNIOR MEMBER
BUT WE UNDERSTAND A PAST CHAIRMAN OF STANDING COMMITTEE
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ON BROADCASTING, FILMS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS)

GIVEN PROMINENT PRESS AND TV PLAY OVER WEEKEND. SUCH DEPARTURE FROM PARTY LINE IS UNUSUAL WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM AND WE ARE NOT SURE AT MOMENT HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE TO PUT ON IT.

3. COMMENT: STANDING COMMITTEE STAFF IS STILL HOPEFUL MEASURE WILL BE REFERRED IN TIME TO COMMENCE HEARINGS WEEK OF MAY 26 (SEE REF B). WE TRUST DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED ATTORNEYS FOR BORDER TV STATIONS OF NEED FOR PROMPT ACTION TO MAKE THEIR REQUESTS FOR TIME TO SPEAK, EVEN IF THEY LATER DECIDE NOT TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITY.

4. COPIES OF MAY 16 HANSARD BEING FORWARDED TO EUR/CAN AND EB/TT/TD.
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